IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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USING IN-BAND COMMUNICATIONS

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 18, 2007, and is being filed within the shortened statutory response period expiring on July 18, 2007, and within the two-month after-final response period specified in MPEP § 706.07(f) expiring on June 18, 2007. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 38.